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Wing welcomes new IG

Colonel says servicemembers, civilians should prep for more than inspection

By 1st Lt. Ben Alumbaugh
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The base community can expect to see Yokota's wartime mission in action beginning this weekend with a new inspector general observing the proceedings.

Lt. Col. William Davidson is the new 374th Airlift Wing inspector general and will oversee the remaining Operational Readiness Exercises before the 347th Airlift Wing goes through its Operational Readiness Inspection in March 2006.

"What people need to realize is we are not training for an ORI," said Colonel Davidson. "We are training to do the wing's mission. Whether it is wartime or contingency, the IG is here to prepare the wing."

Colonel Davidson takes over the office from Col. Mike Koster, who has taken a position at the Pentagon.

Colonel Davidson comes to Yokota from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam; where he was the deputy director of operations and exercise plans at 13th Air Force.

This assignment marks the colonel's first time in the airlift world and he believes his first experience with an airlift

base will be beneficial to both parties.

"One of the biggest things I bring to the inspection part of the process is a different view point," said Colonel Davidson. "Because I am not from an airlift background and since I come from a fighter background, I have a different way of looking at things."

"Granted I get to ask questions because I am the new guy," the colonel said. "So I will probably ask the question 'Why?' more than once."

"Also, this assignment gives me the opportunity to learn a whole new way of thinking," said the colonel.

"I can bring all the experience in the world, but if I don't understand the wing's mission, there's no way I can help prepare the wing for the ORI. This is my chance to learn something outside my comfort zone by expanding my horizons and stretching my knowledge base."

The colonel said Yokota not only is going to challenge him professionally, but will present personal challenges too.

"As my wife would say, 'This is a place we've never been,'" the colonel said. "We have been overwhelmed by the warmth of not just the military members we have met but every single person has been nothing but welcoming."

Hey mom! There's something in your arm!



photo by 1st Lt. Ben Alumbaugh

Austin Oldenburg, 6, talks his mother, Darlene Oldenburg, through the finer points of donating blood at the Yujo Recreation Center on Monday. The blood drive was the first held in two years here on Monday and Tuesday. More than 140 units were collected from the base community as a result of the drive. The goal was 100 units, said hospital officials. Blood donated here will go to all medical facilities in the Pacific as well as be used at medical facilities at deployed locations in Southwest Asia.

FSC lends helping hand relocating Airmen, families

From info to pots and pans, unit gets people settled in

The Family Support Center can offer services from child care to pots and pans to relocation information.

Community members should begin by researching the new location, there are several Web sites which can help.

AFCrossroads is probably the best known. It can be found at <http://www.afcrossroads.com>. This Web site can be accessed from all computers, and there are several areas of interest. It includes forums and links to other military installation Web sites.

The SITES program is only available from a military computer and can be found at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites>. Air Force One Source is another tool and is available at <http://www.airforceonesource.com>. Go to the relocation area or call 1-800-707-5784 or 0061-800-707-57844 from Japan.

Another Web site is <https://www.airforcehousing.hq.af.mil>. It provides information about housing and forms required to apply for base housing at the next location. Base Web sites are available

from military computers and FSC can provide the address upon request. Information about Department of Defense Dependents Schools can be found at <http://www.dodea.edu/>.

The Family Support Center assists with a federal and local employment workshop. The workshop offers help with resumes and job searches. It is offered on the second and fourth Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m.

"Smooth Moves" is offered on a quarterly basis and more frequently during the summer. Subject-matter experts teach this four-hour workshop that aims to make moving stress- and worry-free.

Air Force families are eligible

for PCS child care by the Air Force Aid Society in conjunction with the Family Home Care Providers. This program provides 20 hours of child care for 60 days before or after a PCS. Yokota Cares Committee provides 20 hours of child care for any sister service while they attend Right Start here.

New servicemembers must attend the Right Start program. This two-day program is highly encouraged for family members and other personnel. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend on the second day of the program, anyone who wants to drive on Yokota must attend the local condition course which is currently offered on Thursday

from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Orderly rooms can provide additional information about this program and ensure you are registered.

The Loan Locker can provide items needed to set up the kitchen, bring in a copy of your orders to pick up pots and pans, dishes, toasters, baby strollers, high chairs, play pens and coffee makers. Items are loaned for 90 days to incoming members and 30 days for outgoing.

Yokota also has a Linen Exchange where you can borrow sheets, pillows, pillowcases, blankets, towels and washcloths.

For more information about the services the FSC offers, call 225-8725.

(Courtesy of the FSC)

ORI countdown: 232 days

DOD: New test to better assess language proficiency

Congress authorizes pay increase for multi-lingual servicemembers

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – A new language test scheduled to roll out in October will better measure language fluency in real-world situations, the Defense Department's senior language official said July 13.

The new test is the fifth generation of the Defense Language Proficiency Test, a battery of tests used to assess native English speakers' reading and listening skills in a wide range of foreign languages, said Gail H. McGinn, deputy undersecretary of defense for plans.

The so-called "DLPT 5" test will be more challenging than previous language tests, Ms. McGinn said,

with longer passages and, in some cases, more than one question for each passage. The test will be computer-based, making it more secure and efficient to administer. And unlike past tests that Ms. McGinn described as "scripted," the new test will rely more on actual newspapers, magazine articles and radio broadcasts.

"We want a test that measures as accurately as possible one's ability to operate in the real world," Ms. McGinn said.

Toward that end, the new language proficiency test will better measure each tester's skills in selected languages, at levels ranging from a low of zero-plus to a high of four on the Interagency Language

Roundtable scale. Five is the highest level on the scale.

The new test will become "the benchmark" for DOD to assess who in the force has language skills and how proficient they are. By better measuring language skills, the new test will allow DOD officials to identify and reward those with the highest proficiency levels, she said.

Test scores are part of the formula for determining language proficiency pay for language professionals and servicemembers with specific language skills. Congress recently authorized increasing the cap on language proficiency pay from \$300 to \$1,000, but Ms. McGinn said that not all language professionals will receive the full amount.

The new test and higher language proficiency pay are keys to the Defense Language Transformation Roadmap, a major initiative to

develop foreign language and cultural expertise among its military and civilian members. The initiative aims to increase language and cultural expertise within the ranks and to establish a cadre of language specialists with advanced proficiency levels.

The world situation demands that the Defense Department maintains solid language and cultural capabilities so it is prepared to carry out its missions worldwide -- from humanitarian and reconstruction efforts to combat operations, Ms. McGinn said.

"We are building alliances, we are engaged in operations in the Middle East, we are engaged in the war on terror, (and) we need to understand and interact with the people around us," she said.

The rollout schedule for the new test begins in October for Albanian, Persian-Dari, Hindi, Pashto, Norwe-

gian and Urdu. DLPT-5 tests for Russian and Iraqi are scheduled to debut in December, and early 2006 rollouts are planned for Chinese Mandarin, Spanish and Korean.

New tests are also under development for a variety of other languages, including Egyptian, Levantine, Modern Standard Arabic, Persian-Farsi, Greek, Kurdish-Sorani, Turkish, Serbian-Croatian and Japanese. Ultimately, the DLPT-5 could cover as many as 31 languages.

Ms. McGinn urged test takers to begin their homework now using authentic materials available on the Internet and in other sources, and encouraged supervisors to re-enforce the need to prepare. The Defense Language Institute has developed an Internet site and Global Language Support System with materials and exercises to help test takers prepare.

AAFES facilities readying for 110th birthday celebration

DALLAS – On July 25, 1895, the War Department issued General Order number 46 directing post commanders to establish an exchange at every post where practicable. Since the first formal exchanges were established on that July day, an exchange system has served side-by-side with Soldiers and, since 1947, Airmen in tents and trucks in the field and in permanent facilities, on posts and bases around the world.

Beginning on Saturday, facilities every-

where will honor the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's 110th anniversary with a wide variety of sales, promotions and sweepstakes. Prizes during the three-day celebration will range from candy bars to a car.

"Local events will vary from location to location," said AAFES' Commander Maj. Gen. Bill Essex. "I expect to see price cuts of \$1.10, prizes for the first 110 customers in the exchange and lots of prices of \$1.10 and \$110. Every day of the celebration will bring

a new host of events and attractions for troops and their loved ones."

Today, AAFES provides support to its 11.5 million authorized customers without regard to where they may be stationed. In fact, AAFES has more than 3,100 facilities in 49 states and more than 35 countries. Currently, AAFES brings a bit of home to troops with 55 stores in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and has about 450 associates deployed at any given time. All of these associ-

ates live and work right alongside the deployed troops they serve.

With roughly 67 percent of AAFES' earnings historically going to MWR programs, these contributions to service members and their families make AAFES a major non-pay benefit. In the past 10 years, AAFES has contributed \$2.3 billion to the Armed Forces to spend on quality of life improvements for troops and their families.

(Courtesy of AAFES)

Master sergeant sentenced in WAPS case: RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) – A master

sergeant was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, a demotion to E-1 and 42 months confinement July 15 for charges involving the distribution of controlled weighted airman promotion system testing materials.

Master Sgt. J. Abdur Rahim Saafir, of the 469th Air Base Group at Rhein-Main Air Base, was charged with violations of Uniform Code of Military Justice articles 80, 81 and 92.

Sergeant Saafir pleaded guilty to most of the charges and specifications July 14 when his trial began here.

The sentence was decided by a military judge.

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PACAF receives national award for legal assistance: HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (AFPN) – A Pacific Air Forces committee designed to increase the legal readiness of PACAF Airmen was recently awarded the Legal Assistance for Military Personnel 2004 Distinguished Service Award.

The team, comprising PACAF headquarters and the 15th Airlift Wing here; the 354th Fighter Wing at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska; and the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing launched PACAF's Legal Readiness Program in 2004 in response to a lack of legal readiness.

Air Force names 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year: RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas

(AFPN) -- Air Force officials have selected the service's top enlisted Airmen, naming the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2005.

An Air Force selection board at the Air Force Personnel Center here considered 45 nominees who represented major commands, direct reporting units, field operating agencies and air staff agencies. The board convened in May and selected the 12 based on superior leadership, job performance and personal achievements.

The winners included: Tech. Sgt. Michael Harris from Kadena Air Base, Japan.

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photo by Kaori Matsukasa

Not your everyday hero

(Right) Kazuaki Nishide, firefighter with the Yokota Fire Department, accepts a letter of appreciation from Masao Kumata, Fussa City Fire Department chief, for saving the life of a local resident July 10. Mr. Nishide found a car on fire parked outside a municipally-owned apartment at Musashine, Mizuho town. "I did not know there was a man inside the car when I was fire fighting with a fire extinguisher," he explained. "It could have been a big fire if nobody found the car." Mr. Nishide put out the fire then pulled the local man to safety, saving his life. The Yokota Fire Department held a ceremony at the main base station to honor the firefighter's efforts Tuesday. "I was surprised when I found out that this letter of appreciation would be given to me," Mr. Nishide said. "I just did my job, and I am very honored with my knowledge and experience that I have acquired here at Yokota." Mark Lawler, Yokota Fire Department chief, and Lt. Col. Lance Hafeli, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, were also present to honor the firefighter during the ceremony.

Eagle 810 welcomes new disc jockey line-up for summer

‘Morning Show,’ ‘Retro Cafe’ among shows to see change-ups in primary personalities

A new line-up of military disc jockeys took over the airwaves of AFN Tokyo's Eagle 810 AM radio.

The popular Eagle 810 "Morning Show" is now hosted by Staff Sgt. Dominique Dickens, of Washington, D.C. Sergeant Dickens served as anchor of "The Retro Café" since February 2004. "The Morning Show" airs from 6:00 to 10:00 a.m. Former host Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Rhonda

Davis, of Buena Vista, Va., takes on a higher leadership position.

"The Retro Café," which airs weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., is hosted by Airman 1st Class JulieAnna Carson, of Everett, Wash. "The Retro Café" plays the hits of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Marine Lance Corporal Leslie Palmer, of Dover, Ohio, relieves "The Joel" as host of "Traffic Jams," playing today's hits week-

days from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Airman 1st Class David Clark, of Fort Worth, Texas, takes over as Eagle 810 News producer and anchor. Petty Officer 3rd Class Randy Lane, of Tulsa, Okla., becomes producer and anchor of Pacific Radio Report.

Army Sgt. Vanessa Dempsey, of Formosa, Kansas, and Airman 1st Class Joel Fry, of Seattle, Wash., will move to the Regional News Center. There they will serve as producers for Pacific Report, AFN Tokyo's daily regional television news program. Pacific Report can be seen at 6:30 and 10 p.m. on the Pacific Prime channel, and

three times daily on the Pentagon Channel.

Keith Lebling and Tony Hughes continue to anchor "The Sunday Brunch," playing a mix of contemporary jazz and smooth vocals. "The Sunday Brunch" airs Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. The popular "Rock Of Ages" program, which airs Thursday nights from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m., features Marine Gunnery Sgt. Tim McGough playing the best of the classic rock era.

Listener requests, suggestions and comments can be sent to Eagle 810 radio at afn.eagle810@yokota.af.mil, or by phone to 225-2379 or 042-552-2510, ext. 52379.

(Courtesy of AFN)

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When in Africa ... Squadron commander puts 'lion' of a challenge to troops

By Maj. Miklos Kiss

374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander

In an office near the Chinese coastal city of Shenzhen, the production manager of a factory churning out gadgets destined for the United States has the following quote translated from Swahili into Chinese tacked to his wall:

"Every morning the gazelle wakes up and knows that if he wishes to live another day he will have to outrun the fastest lion or be killed. Every morning the lion wakes knowing that it will have to outrun the slowest gazelle or starve to death. No matter if you are lion or gazelle, when the sun comes up, you had better be running."

Competition is a powerful driving force. It is helping China

become a dynamic industrial power. Former President John F. Kennedy used competition to rocket the United States to the moon in nine years. Competition brings out the best in us (see the 2004 Boston Red Sox).

Except in war, the military is largely exempt from competition. In the lion and gazelle competition known as war, the United States military is second to none. The world marveled at America's swift and decisive campaign across Iraq. With no strategic surprise and little operational surprise, United States forces did more with less. This is a credit to our operational planners and enlisted force. But we can't use the competition of war on a day-to-day basis to optimize our organizations the way free-markets can.

Face it, the military is a

monopoly. Each squadron on base is a monopoly, largely exempt from competition. If you do not like the service you are getting from civil engineering, dining facility, or the military personnel flight you can't go to the competition.

The 36th Airlift Squadron can't change vendors if they do not like the flight line maintenance they are getting. We all have experienced at least once in our military careers exasperation over poor service. In the absence of competition, how can we lead our endeavors to be responsive and efficient?

Unlike most companies, we in the Air Force are led by core values that drive us to serve a greater purpose. Air Force leaders drill into themselves and find ways to satisfy their customers or prepare for war. Strategic Air

Command during the reign of Gen. Curtis LeMay was perhaps the best run organization in the early 1960s. Through relentless no-notice inspections, high standards and realistic training, General LeMay created the culture of the SAC-trained-killer. They were the best America had, they knew it, and General LeMay rewarded them by investing equal effort in housing, facilities, and recognition programs, a fact often overshadowed by his rough demeanor. High standards are the hallmark of all good leaders.

Whether you are a staff sergeant running the firing range or a lieutenant running the marshalling yard, it is the standard of excellence you set that determine whether those you serve will walk away satisfied.

Be a lion, set your standards high and start running.

Impressions from another world

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik

374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A person can look at a world filled with terrorist attacks, countries devastated by natural disasters and wars and do one of two things – sit back and do nothing or get up and do your part.

When I was tasked to deploy to Baghdad I had mixed feelings about going because although I wanted to do my part to keep the troops informed and tell their story. I also had a 6-month-old newborn daughter and a husband whom I didn't want to leave.

After completing all the processing for my deployment, ensuring all the family affairs were in order in case my husband was also tasked to deploy, I was told not to report to my out processing appointment – my deployment had been cancelled.

I recall first being annoyed at all the effort, cost and time I spent preparing for the deployment just to have it cancelled at the last minute and then I did the best thing I could do in my situation – I called my functional manager to see if there were any other deployment slots I could fill to ensure my preparation, training and money did not go to waste.

I was told there was a "unique opportunity" in Central America run by U.S. Southern Command if I was interested (no other details were available until right before I deployed) so I volunteered – I had never been in the area of responsibility yet and I was curious to see exactly what the Air Force's role was out there.

The opportunity was a 90-day deployment to El Salvador as part of Joint Task Force Para Los Niños. The mission was to build two schools and three clinics in the San Vicente region of the country – an area hardest hit by a 7.6 magnitude earthquake Jan. 13, 2001 followed by a 6.6 magnitude quake Feb. 13, 2001. Residents of the area were still trying to recover from Hurricane Mitch's deadly path when the two quakes struck,



photo by Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik

A school built of scrap wood and aluminum siding in the town of Las Flores in El Salvador. The school was replaced by a new one equipped with electricity and running water.

killing more than 1,159 and injuring nearly 8,125 people. More than 276,000 homes were damaged or destroyed and 2,300 kilometers of roads were damaged. In all, 1.5 million people or 25 percent of the country's population was affected.

I had the opportunity to tell the story of our engineers' mission to U.S. and El Salvadoran media through articles and photographs to further the friendship between the two countries. El Salvador is the only Central American country with troops on the ground serving alongside U.S. servicemembers in Iraq.

During the course of my deployment, I was able to learn aspects of civil engineering from pouring concrete, laying block, stuccoing by hand, plumbing and of course, painting. By getting in the dirt to help the engineers meet their deadlines I had a chance to learn and work with the U.S. and El Salvadoran engineers – an opportunity I'll never forget. The amount of gratitude received for the clinics and schools was immense but to know a person who needs medical care can be seen in a clean, solidly-built facility and children can go to a school with solid walls, running water and electricity is why I'm glad I was a part of that team.

Watching our medical doctors from every service branch work with host-nation medical personnel provide more than 41,344 patient services to thousands of El Salvadorans remotely located from clinics and hospitals was astounding.

From the day the medical teams arrived until they rotated out in 14 days, they worked nearly non-stop to help people they never knew and would likely never see again.

U.S. Army veterinary teams came in to work with veterinarians from the El Salvador Department of Agriculture, vaccinating 3,211 animals ranging from cattle and horse livestock to dogs, cats and even parrots. The livestock were often the sole means of a family's survival and helping the vets round up the animals for vaccinations typically outside the families' financial ability was exhilarating.

After three months, active-duty, reserve and National Guard civil engineers; medical and veterinary personnel; communications; civil affairs; permanent-party task force support staff and many other units completed the mission in El Salvador. We left behind five fully equipped, functional buildings and lasting friendships to build upon with each additional mission throughout the region.

As a member of Pacific Air Forces I was afforded the opportunity to deploy to an area well outside of the norm and leave a positive reflection of the work PACAF folks can achieve. Rather than sit back and stew over a cancelled opportunity, I sought out another way to make a difference and gain a new impression of one thing that unites people around the world – helping those in need.



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.049 or less = car parked for 12 hours
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.081-.149 = 1 year walking
0.15 or greater = 2 years walking

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drink and drive.
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HyRev Car Show showcases rides



photo by Senior Master Sgt. Michael Atkinson

Above, visitors look over the paint job of car entered in the first car show held by the HyRev Car Club July 16 at the parking lot of Bldg 316. Nearly 70 cars and motorcycles of all types were brought out the show from bases across the Kanto Plain and off-base car clubs.

Right, classic car owners check each others cars out during the car show – although there was no category for classics, the club is trying to add categories for their next show. Below, car enthusiasts send their drift remote controlled cars over a ramp at the car show.



photo by Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik



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photo by Capt. Warren Comer

Lower left, enthusiasts check out motorcycles displayed by owners and paint specialists to showcase their work. Below, Paul Castillo, president of the HyRev Car Club, talks about an engine at the car show. The car club awarded prizes in eight categories to the following vehicles: best motorcycle, Suzuki Hayabusa with a turbocharger; best shop car, Toyota chaser Mark II Tour V (pictured above); best private car, Nissan Silvia S14 w/GTR 34 conversion kit; best van/SUV, Hummer H2; most unique, full carbon-fiber Honda Prelude; best Y-plate, R32 Skyline; best of show, 1951 Volkswagen Bug; commander's favorite, Toyota Supra with veil side body kit.

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Off base

Bon Odori Festival: Camp Zama is hosting a traditional Japanese celebration August 6 from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event includes presentations from more than two dozen dance groups, a Taiko drum concert, ethnic foods and a fireworks display. Call 263-5995.

On base

Movies

Today – *Fantastic Four*, PG-13, 6 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Saturday – *Herbie: Fully Loaded*, G, 2 p.m.; *Fantastic Four*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *Mindhunters*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday – *Star Wars III: Return of the Sith*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *Fantastic Four*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Monday – *Mindhunters*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Tuesday – *Robots*, PG, 7 p.m.

Wednesday – *Fantastic Four*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Thursday – *Kicking & Screaming*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

Closure

The south overrun will be closed during the Operational Readiness Exercise to base traffic. Only exercise and emergency vehicles will be able to pass through.

Extended child care

The 374th Services Family Child Care is offering additional child care hours to personnel with children age two weeks to 12 years and have a temporary shift change. Call 225-8192.

Education

The University of Oklahoma is offering an on-site graduate program here. Application for admission is ongoing. Registration is 30 days prior to each class session. Classes are only one week long. Call 225-3869.

The University of Phoenix is offering management and educa-

tion programs here. Students can complete an application free of charge for a limited time. Call 225-2496.

Yard inspections

Military Family Housing conducts yard inspections at least once a week. Servicemembers residing in family housing are reminded to keep their quarters and outdoor areas in compliance with 374th Airlift Wing Pamphlet 32-8. Call 225-7114.

Self help

The Samurai Self Help Store is open Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. this week due to an Operational Readiness Exercise. The store returns to its normal hours July 30. Call 225-7086.

Modeling fair

The Family Support Center is hosting a modeling fair July 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants must submit an application and complete reservations to attend. Call 225-8725.

Kids Day

The base youth center is hosting a talent, variety and fashion show in honor of National Kids Day at the Taiyo Recreation Center August 6 from 1 to 6 p.m. Base youth are encouraged to sign up for the show. Call 225-6397.

Flea market

The Yokota Enlisted Spouses Club* is hosting a flea market August 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. behind the Kanto Lodge. Community members can reserve a table for \$20 and additional tables at \$5 each. E-mail escfundraiser@yahoo.com or call 227-3373.

Youth tours

The base youth center is hosting tours to Yomiuriland Amusement and Water Park August 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fujikyu Highland August 26 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 225-6397 or 225-7422.

Rubberstamping

The arts and crafts center is hosting a rubberstamping class for youth every Wednesday during August from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per session per child. Call 225-9044.

Rock show

The Enlisted Club is bringing rock bands Chick Magnets and Zen to its stage July 30 beginning at 8 p.m. in the Spectrum Lounge. The show is free to members. Call 227-8820.

Honor Guard

The base honor guard is holding a seminar Aug. 22 through 26 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the bottom of Tower 2000. Officer and enlisted servicemembers are encouraged to attend the seminar. E-mail yokota.honorguard@yokota.af.mil.

Meetings

The Tanabata Dancers are looking for new members. The group performs traditional Japanese dances while wearing a yukata and obi. Practices are at the Taiyo Recreation Center Fridays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. E-mail tanabata_dancers@hotmail.com.

The Sons of Hawaii* meet every third Saturday. Call 225-2877.

The Filipino Association* meets every third Saturday at the Traditional Chapel at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Coloring contest

The base commissary is hosting a coloring contest for students in kindergarten to fifth grade. Entry forms can be picked up at the commissary's ID desk. The deadline is July 31 at 7 p.m.

Tanabata Festival

The Fussa Tanabata Festival is Aug. 4 to 7. Become a participant and experience Japanese culture by carrying a portable shrine through the city's streets Aug. 5 starting at 3 p.m. To volunteer or for more information, call Capt. Warren Comer at 225-7338 or e-mail warren.comer@yokota.af.mil.

Samurai Warrior



of the Week



**Airman 1st Class
Nathan Krouse**

Airman 1st Class Nathan Krouse, 374th Medical Support Squadron, is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the Bushido qualities of sympathy toward all people, politeness and respect for etiquette, absolute loyalty to one's superiors, and a duty to defend the honor of one's name and guild.

Airman Krouse is a biomedical equipment apprentice. He actively supported 15 honor guard details in four months. He proudly and honorably represented Yokota at the 60th anniversary of World War II commemoration ceremony in Manila.

Airman Krouse's commitment to excellence and creativity saved the Air Force \$12,000 by performing a complicated refurbishment of a dental clinic sterilizer. His fervent commitment to duty, the Air Force, his base, and his unit have propelled Airman Krouse above his peers.

Scrapbooking class

The arts and crafts center is hosting a scrapbooking night July 29 beginning from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The night includes projects, demonstrations, discounts, giveaways and more. The cost is \$5 per person. Call 225-9044.

Auto Skills

The Auto Skills Center offers interior cleaning packages, tint work, air conditioning recharging, waterproofing, maintenance classes and more. Call 225-7623.

The center also offers junking services. The cost is \$80 per vehicle in addition to a recycling fee. It is open Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Wednesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Comedy showcase

The Enlisted Club is hosting the BET Late Night Comedy Special Sunday beginning at 8 p.m. The show features Michael Blackson, Dante, Willie Brown,

and Woody and Manny Maldonado. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and seating is limited. The show is adults-only. Call 227-8820.

Chapel Schedule

Traditional (West) Chapel

Catholic: Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant: Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical/Lutheran service Sundays at 6:30 p.m.; Korean service, Sundays at 2 p.m.

Contemporary (East) Chapel

Protestant: Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.

Call 225-7009 for more information.

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“Quotes” & Things

“They say money talks, but the only thing it ever said to me was good-bye.”

Joe Louis

Cheerleading: A cheerleading camp is at the Taiyo Recreation Center July 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is free of charge. E-mail shannonmfallis@yahoo.com or call 227-4311 to reserve a place.

Natatorium: The Natatorium holds swimming lessons Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays until August 19. Call 225-6133.

Outdoor Rec: The Outdoor Recreation Center is hosting the following trips: beach trip to Shimoda July 30; family trip to Shinrin Koen Forest Park August 3; wakeboard trip to Lake Yamanaka August 6; downhill mountain biking at Fujimi Panorama August 17. Call 225-4552.

Golf: The 374th Services Division is hosting golf lessons for adults and children. Sessions are held every week through August 19. The cost is \$99 for adults and \$65 for children. Call 225-8815.

Tama Hills: Tama Hills Recreation Area offers camping, hiking, golf and mini-golf, horseback riding, archery, tennis and more. The area includes a lodge with rooms and fine dining. Call 224-3409.

Bowling: Tomodachi Lanes hosts Xtreme Glow Karaoke Saturdays from 8 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$12 per lane with free shoe rental. The lanes are also hosting the base King and Queen of the Hill tournament July 30 beginning at 4 p.m. The cost is \$30 per team. Call 225-7191.

Table-runnin' & one-run wins

730 AMS, SVS take top spot in season's softball intramurals



photo by 1st Lt. Ben Alumbaugh

Tony Taylor from 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron takes a swing against 730th Air Mobility Squadron in the championship game of the intramural men's softball game. The game itself was a highly competitive game with the 730th coming out on top and finishing the season undefeated. The “Dawgs” of the 730th won the game 16-15.

By 1st Lt. Ben Alumbaugh
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 730th Airlift Mobility Squadron dominated the regular season of men's intramural softball and continued their winning ways in the men's tournament.

The “Dawgs” of the 730th finished the regular season undefeated and continued their winning streak by defeating the 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron in a hotly contested championship game 16-15.

The game itself pushed the limits of the teams and brought out the best in each player.

The game went back and forth between the two teams but the 730th carried a lead into the final inning and despite a valiant comeback from the men of LRS, the 730th were able to hold on to win.

With men in scoring position and momentum, LRS grounded out to end the game and send the championship trophy to the “Dawgs” of the 730th.

The game was the second time the 730th defeated LRS in the playoffs with the 730th winning the previous meeting 18-2.

Men's Intramural Softball Championship brackets



Women's Intramural Softball Championship brackets



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